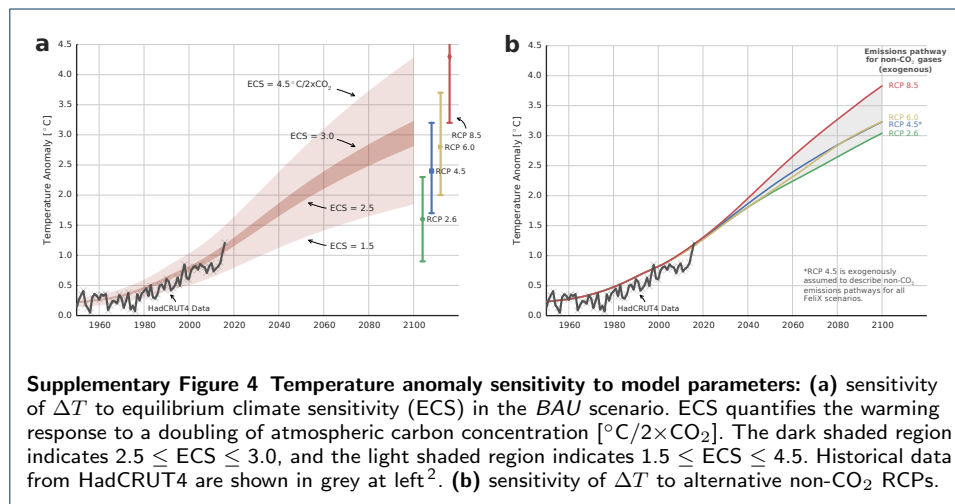


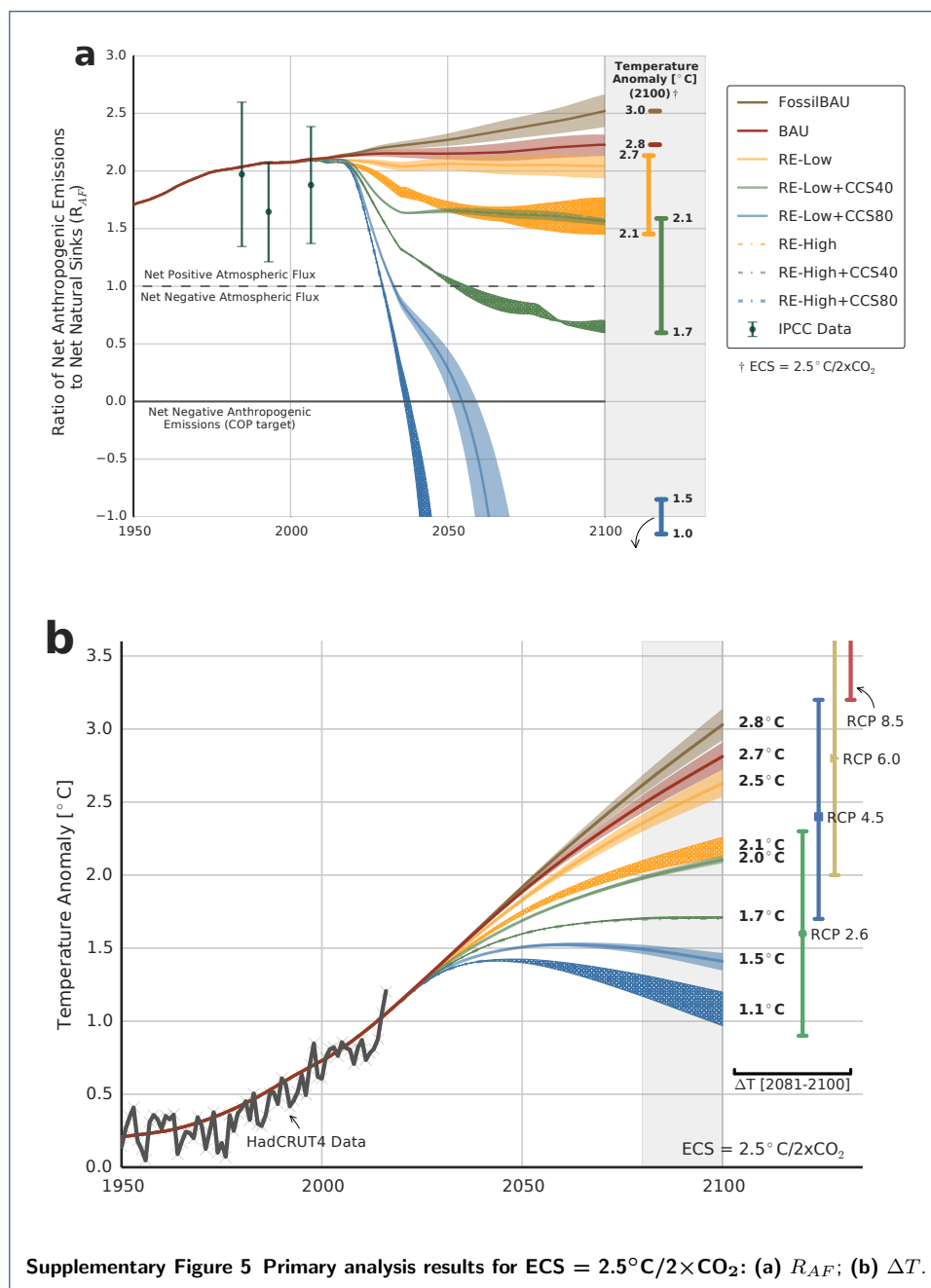
**Supplementary Figure 3 Carbon cycle response to constant emissions:** (a) steady-state annual net carbon uptake (flux) by atmospheric, hydrospheric, biospheric, and pedospheric sinks in year 2035 of the simulation, assuming constant net anthropogenic emissions after 2015 at the value specified on the x-axis. (b) Total change in net and gross carbon fluxes as function of change in annual anthropogenic emissions.



**Supplementary Figure 4 Temperature anomaly sensitivity to model parameters:** (a) sensitivity of  $\Delta T$  to equilibrium climate sensitivity (ECS) in the BAU scenario. ECS quantifies the warming response to a doubling of atmospheric carbon concentration [ $^\circ\text{C} / 2\times\text{CO}_2$ ]. The dark shaded region indicates  $2.5 \leq \text{ECS} \leq 3.0$ , and the light shaded region indicates  $1.5 \leq \text{ECS} \leq 4.5$ . Historical data from HadCRUT4 are shown in grey at left<sup>2</sup>. (b) sensitivity of  $\Delta T$  to alternative non- $\text{CO}_2$  RCPs.

		1980-89	1990-99	2002-11
Flux		[ $\text{PgC yr}^{-1}$ ]	[ $\text{PgC yr}^{-1}$ ]	[ $\text{PgC yr}^{-1}$ ]
Fossil Fuel Emissions	$\Upsilon_{FF}$	$5.5 \pm 0.4$	$6.4 \pm 0.5$	$8.3 \pm 0.7$
LULUCF Emissions	$\Upsilon_{LUC}$	$1.4 \pm 0.8$	$1.5 \pm 0.8$	$0.9 \pm 0.8$
Renewable Energy Emissions	$\Upsilon_{RE}$	—	—	—
Ocean Uptake	$\Omega_O$	$2.0 \pm 0.7$	$2.2 \pm 0.7$	$2.4 \pm 0.7$
Residual Land Sink	$\Omega_{LS}$	$1.5 \pm 1.1$	$2.6 \pm 1.2$	$2.5 \pm 1.3$
Atmospheric Increase	$\Omega_{Atm}$	$3.4 \pm 0.2$	$3.1 \pm 0.2$	$4.3 \pm 0.2$

**Supplementary Table 1 Error analysis on present value of  $R_{AF}$ .** All values and errors taken from IPCC WG3<sup>3</sup>.



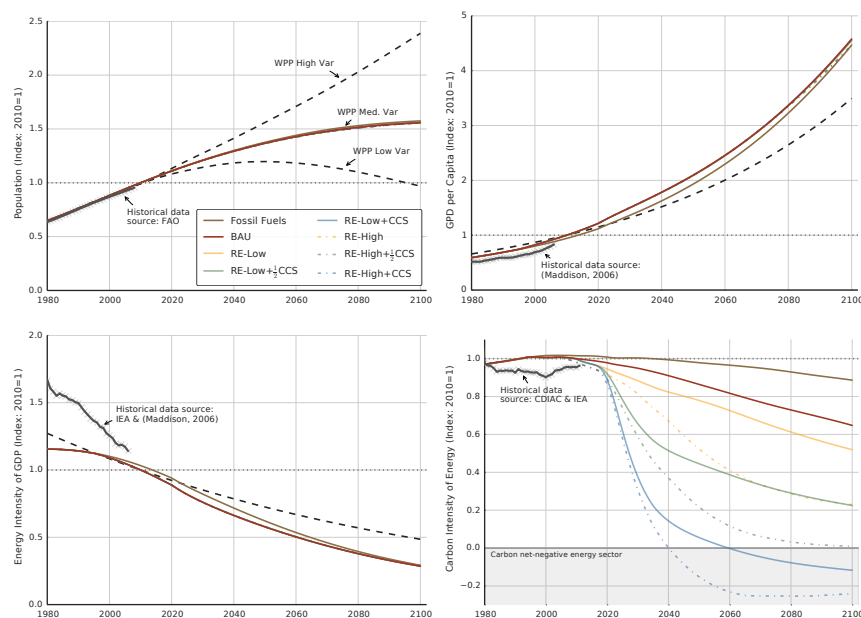
**Supplementary Figure 5 Primary analysis results for ECS =  $2.5^{\circ}\text{C}/2\times\text{CO}_2$ : (a)  $R_{AF}$ ; (b)  $\Delta T$ .**

Parameter	Description	Nominal values of $C_A$ in BAU:	
		2015 408 ppm	2100 712 ppm
Parameter	Description	Shift [ppm]	
World population (low)	UNDESA WPP low variant <sup>4</sup>	–	–77
World population (high)	UNDESA WPP high variant <sup>4</sup>	–	+80
Initial NPP	$NPP_I \rightarrow 51 \text{ PgC yr}^{-1}$	+15	+51
Land sink carbon residence time (high)	$\tau(t) \rightarrow \tau(t) + 7 \text{ years}$	–7	–34
Land sink carbon residence time (low)	$\tau(t) \rightarrow \tau(t) - 4 \text{ years}$	+5	+23
Energy demand (low)	$+0.2\% \text{ yr}^{-1} \text{cap}^{-1}$ (cf. Fig. 1b)	–	–28
Energy demand (high)	$-0.2\% \text{ yr}^{-1} \text{cap}^{-1}$ (cf. Fig. 1b)	–	+30
Equilibrium climate sensitivity	$ECS \rightarrow 1.5^\circ \text{C}/2 \times \text{CO}_2$	–5	–28
Equilibrium climate sensitivity	$ECS \rightarrow 2.5^\circ \text{C}/2 \times \text{CO}_2$	–1	–8
Equilibrium climate sensitivity	$ECS \rightarrow 4.5^\circ \text{C}/2 \times \text{CO}_2$	+3	+21
Plantation productivity (low)	$10 \text{ t(dry biomass) ha}^{-1} \text{yr}^{-1}$	–	+9
Plantation productivity (high)	$20 \text{ t(dry biomass) ha}^{-1} \text{yr}^{-1}$	–	–13
Forest C sequestration (low)	$C_{For.} \rightarrow 82.5 \text{ tC ha}^{-1}$	–7	–12
Forest C sequestration (high)	$C_{For.} \rightarrow 137.5 \text{ tC ha}^{-1}$	+7	+12
Non-CO <sub>2</sub> emissions pathway	RCP 2.6	–	–4
Non-CO <sub>2</sub> emissions pathway	RCP 8.5	–	+11
Bioenergy emissions (low)	$EM_{BE} \rightarrow 0.000 \text{ tC t(dry biomass)}^{-1}$	–	–10
Bioenergy emissions (high)	$EM_{BE} \rightarrow 0.098 \text{ tC t(dry biomass)}^{-1}$	–	+10
Agricultural residues (low)	Collected from 0% of arable land	–	+4
Agricultural residues (high)	Collected from 20% of arable land	–	–5
Agricultural yields (low)	$-0.14\% \text{ yr}^{-1}$ (cf. Supp. Fig. 1b)	–	+3
Agricultural yields (high)	$+0.14\% \text{ yr}^{-1}$ (cf. Supp. Fig. 1b)	–	–2
Food demand–animal (low)	GDP $\text{cap}^{-1}$ effects – 10%	–	–3
Food demand–animal (high)	GDP $\text{cap}^{-1}$ effects + 10%	–	+3
Food demand–vegetal (low)	GDP $\text{cap}^{-1}$ effects – 10%	–	–2
Food demand–vegetal (high)	GDP $\text{cap}^{-1}$ effects + 10%	–	+2

**Supplementary Table 2 Error analysis on atmospheric carbon concentrations ( $C_A$ ) [ppm] in the BAU scenario.**

Scenario	Year (Average)	Atmospheric Carbon Flux [PgC yr <sup>–1</sup> ]					
		Sources			Sinks		$R_{AF}$
		Fossil Fuels $\Upsilon_{FF}$	LULUC $\Upsilon_{LUC}$	Renewables $\Upsilon_{RE}$	Ocean $\Omega_O$	Land $\Omega_{LS}$	
<b>IPCC Data<sup>5</sup></b>	(2002–2011)	$+8.3 \pm 0.7$	$+0.9 \pm 0.8$	—	$+2.4 \pm 0.7$	$+2.5 \pm 1.3$	<b><math>1.9 \pm 0.2</math></b>
<b>FeliX Model</b>	(2002–2011)	+9.1	+1.2	+0.0	+2.4	+2.4	<b><math>2.1 \pm 0.2</math></b>
<i>Fossil Fuels</i>	2100	+17.8	+0.1	+0.2	+3.6	+3.3	<b><math>2.6 \pm 0.7</math></b>
<i>BAU</i>	2100	+11.9	+0.8	+0.7	+3.2	+2.6	<b><math>2.3 \pm 0.6</math></b>
<i>RE-Low</i>	2100	+9.5	+0.2	+0.5	+2.9	+2.2	<b><math>2.1 \pm 0.5</math></b>
<i>RE-Low+CCS40</i>	2100	+6.1	+0.1	–1.6	+1.9	+0.9	<b><math>1.6 \pm 0.6</math></b>
<i>RE-Low+CCS80</i>	2100	+2.2	+0.1	–4.6	+0.3	–0.9	<b><math>-4.1 \pm 5.4</math></b>
<i>RE-High</i>	2100	+3.5	+0.3	+1.3	+2.0	+1.0	<b><math>1.7 \pm 0.6</math></b>
<i>RE-High+CCS40</i>	2100	+2.2	+0.3	–1.9	+1.1	–0.1	<b><math>0.7 \pm 0.9</math></b>
<i>RE-High+CCS80</i>	2100	+0.8	+0.4	–5.5	–0.5	–1.6	<b><math>-2.1 \pm 1.0</math></b>

**Supplementary Table 3 Magnitude of carbon sources and sinks for all scenarios in year 2100 of the FeliX model.**  $R_{AF}$  and the associated errors are calculated from Eqs. 8 and 12, respectively. In extreme low emissions scenarios, errors on  $R_{AF}$  grow due to vanishing denominators.



**Supplementary Figure 6 Scenario results decomposed into Kaya factors:** indexed to historical data from 2010. Clockwise from top left: population, show with UNDESA high, medium, and low population variants<sup>4</sup>; GDP per capita, shown with projection based on historical rate of increase; carbon intensity of energy; and energy intensity of GDP, shown with projection based on historical rate of decrease<sup>6</sup>. Where available, recent historical values are calculated from the relevant datasets and shown in grey.

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